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Small Animal Hospital Features

- 100,000 square-foot, three-story facility
- Digital imaging service with CT, nuclear medicine, MRI, and ultrasound
- One of the only interventional radiology and cardiology facilities in the nation
- 22 examination rooms
- 12 surgical suites, including dedicated and custom rooms for laparoscopy and arthroscopy
- More treatment rooms and ward areas, including facilities for emergency medicine, intensive care, progressive care and isolation
- A cancer referral and treatment center that includes a linear accelerator with image guidance and state-of-the-art stereotactic radiosurgery capability
- Expanded and dedicated endoscopy room with laser lithotripsy
- Renovated rehabilitation services area including two underwater treadmills and a therapy pool
- 24/7 emergency and critical care services
- Hemodialysis suite
- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy
Introduction

The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and its clinical arm, the University of Florida Veterinary Hospitals (UFVH), opened its doors in 1978. Since that time the Small Animal Hospital has provided referral services, consultations, emergency veterinary services and 24-hour care for dogs, cats and exotic animals including birds, reptiles and small mammals.

At the UFVH we treat our patients using a team approach. The team is headed by a senior clinician whose area of specialization is pertinent to the diagnosis and treatment of the patient’s problems. Other members of the team include interns, residents, students and technicians all of whom, under the supervision of our senior staff clinicians, play an important role in providing patient care and maintaining communication with you and your clients. As a referring veterinarian you are considered to be our most important client and an integral part of the patient health care team. Our core values are visualized with the patient, client, and referring veterinarian at the heart of our pinwheel graphic below. To achieve excellence requires teamwork, trust, integrity and accountability. We cherish our relationship with you as a referring veterinarian and continually work to make our facilities a resource to complement your practice.

The purpose of this guide is to introduce you to the services, referral policies and clinicians in our hospital. We hope this information will help you to better understand all that we at the University of Florida Small Animal Hospital have to offer you and your practice.

Go Gators!

Dana Zimmel, DVM, DACVIM, DABVP
Clinical Associate Professor/Chief of Staff
Hours

Appointment Hours
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Emergencies
24/7 year-round

Call Center Hours:
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

24-Hour Emergency & Main Line
352-392-2235

The UF SAH Website
Visit the UF SAH website at smallanimal.vethospitals.ufl.edu.

Phone Numbers
The College and UF SAH numbers are listed below. The SAH main number has an automated attendant to promptly direct your call. Just make the appropriate selection from the menu.

For our referring veterinarians only, we have a direct dial toll-free number that will connect you to our Referral Liaison during normal business hours. Outside of normal business hours, you should dial the main Small Animal Hospital number and follow the automated instructions. For canine and feline emergency calls, press option 1 and you will be connected directly to a clinician. For zoological emergencies you will be connected to the answering service with Shands Hospital and you will be greeted by one of their operators.

- Referral Liaison (Referring Veterinarians only) 866-247-7950
- Local Veterinarians please call 352-392-2235 option #2
- Local Veterinarians leave message after-hours 352-392-2235 option #5
- Small Animal Hospital Main 352-392-2235
- Large Animal Hospital Main 352-392-2229
- Pet Emergency Treatment Services in Ocala 352-512-0886
- UF Veterinary Diagnostic Labs 352-294-4726
- GatorVet Imaging 352-273-8585
- Client Appointments & Questions 352-392-2235
- Hospital Fax Number 352-846-2445
- Dr. Dana Zimmel, Chief of Staff 352-294-4379
- Dr. Rowan Milner, SACS Department Chair 352-294-4401
- Dr. James Lloyd, Dean CVM 352-294-4623
Small Animal Emergency & Critical Care Service

The Emergency and Critical Care Service is headed by five faculty members who are board certified in the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and includes emergency clinicians from the hospital as well as dedicated emergency room and intensive care technicians. We provide emergency services for small animals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The emergency service specializes in providing care for small animals which are acutely sick, have severe trauma, intoxications, experience sudden worsening of chronic diseases or any cases where the referring veterinarian feels that urgent referral for diagnostics or treatment would be beneficial.

Patients admitted through the emergency service will be assessed and stabilized on arrival. They may then be either transferred to another service within the hospital such as internal medicine, surgery, cardiology, etc., or may remain under the care of the emergency and critical care service depending on their needs.

We are always happy to see either referral or walk-in emergencies. If you would like to speak to a faculty member about the services we provide, a patient at your hospital or a possible referral, please call 866-247-7950.

In addition to emergency services, we also provide intensive care services for critically ill patients in our state-of-the-art ICU. These capabilities include mechanical ventilation, hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, blood transfusion and advanced hemodynamic monitoring including continuous EKG, invasive blood pressure and cardiac output monitoring. To allow us to provide excellent patient care, the ICU is staffed by both doctors and highly trained technicians 24/7. The Emergency and Critical Care Service works closely with the other services in the hospital to ensure that patients and their owners have access to the best possible treatments, diagnostics and range of expertise available.

24-HOUR EMERGENCY LINE: 352-392-2235

Mental Health Counselor

Dr. Ron Del Moro is a holistically minded licensed Mental Health Counselor who has been providing counseling and training in the Gainesville Community since 2005. Ron holds a Master's degree in Couple, Marriage & Family Counseling and a Doctorate in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Florida.

Ron is assisting clients, students, faculty and staff here at the University of Florida's Veterinary Hospitals. He will be providing support and training for faculty, students, and staff with communication, education, stress management, grief, and death issues. Ron is available for individual and small group trainings, consultations, case-debriefing, work-life balance, and/or emotional support.

Contact Dr. Del Moro at ron.del@mfl.edu or 352-283-0028.
UF Veterinary Hospitals
Driving Directions

From I-75: Exit 384 (SR 24/Archer Road). Go east on Archer Road approximately three miles to junction SR 226 (SW 16th Avenue). At the fork stay to the right and proceed one block to Shealy Drive. Turn right. The Small Animal Hospital is on your left.

From US 441: Proceed west on SW 16th Avenue (SR 226). At the 3rd light turn left onto Shealy Drive. The Small Animal Hospital is on your left.
UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services in Ocala, Florida

The concept of this emergency clinic originated with Ocala veterinarians who created the Pet Emergency Treatment Service Corporation (PETS) in 2012. In a unique collaboration, the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and PETS joined forces to serve pet owners in the Marion County region. The purpose of the clinic is to bridge the gap during time periods when veterinarians' offices are typically closed. Our goal is to provide a caring, compassionate environment for critically ill animals and their families.

UF PETS is open from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays to provide immediate emergency care for pets.

24-HOUR EMERGENCY LINE:
352-512-0886
pets.vethospitals.ufl.edu
3200 SW 27th Ave
Ocala, FL 34474

Financial Policies

The UF SAH receives limited financial support from the State of Florida and in order to fund our programs we must charge competitive prices for all services and procedures. Please remind your referred clients that the cost of diagnostic evaluation, treatment, surgery and hospitalization may be substantial. Fees for outpatient visits are to be paid in full at the time of service. Admissions (including emergencies) require a deposit of 75% of the estimated total cost with the balance due at the time of discharge.

For your client’s convenience we accept cash, checks, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express and CareCredit. Individuals other than the owner admitting an animal must provide written treatment authorization signed by the owner, or be able to assume financial responsibility themselves for the total cost of the visit. If you have questions we suggest that you call and talk to one of our Referral Liaisons to obtain an estimate of the overall cost. Please remind your clients that an accurate estimate can only be given after the animal is examined.
GatorVet Imaging

GatorVet Imaging is the outpatient diagnostic imaging service at the University of Florida Veterinary Hospitals. This novel service provides direct access to advanced imaging for private and specialty practice veterinarians in Florida and throughout the Southeast.

GatorVet Imaging allows veterinarians to:

• Utilize cutting edge MRI and CT technology to benefit their small and large animal patients while maintaining primary oversight of the patient/client relationship.
• Ensure that patients, whether a valuable Thoroughbred race horse or a treasured family pet, will receive access to the best diagnostic imaging and clinical radiological expertise available in the southeastern United States.
• Interact with board-certified veterinary radiologists, anesthesiologists, sports medicine veterinarians, and technicians who are committed to quality service and education.

Equipment and capabilities include:

• Toshiba Vantage 1.5 Tesla high-field Magnetic Resonance Imaging Unit (MR)
• Toshiba Aquilion Prime S 160-slice Multi-Detector Row Computed Tomography Unit (MDCT)

Veterinarians who wish to use GatorVet Imaging should call our dedicated phone number 352-273-8585 to communicate with a GatorVet Imaging program coordinator for large or small animals. Prior to the appointment, veterinarians will need to complete an Image Request form, a Pre-Anesthesia Evaluation form and a Pre-Anesthesia CBC and serum chemistry profile and submit these via fax 352-294-9877 or e-mail (GVI@ufl.edu). University of Florida anesthesiologists and radiologists will review this information before the requested procedure is performed. This clinician will outline the imaging service goals for the client and will ensure that the necessary information and history have been obtained.

A general physical examination will be performed and immediately afterward the animal will be transported into the GatorVet Imaging pre-anesthesia holding area.

• Small animals will be admitted and discharged the same day.
• Upon discharge, the client will receive a folder containing copies of essential paperwork and a CD of all images obtained through GatorVet Imaging.
• Within 48 hours, the veterinarian will receive a report from one of our veterinary radiologists summarizing findings from the imaging study.

UF PennHip and OFA:

The University of Florida also offers PennHip (University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program) and OFA radiographic examinations for assessment of canine hip dysplasia through GVI. In addition, views can be obtained for OFA assessment of elbow joints. Additional information is available at gatorvetimaging.com. All veterinarians are encouraged to visit our web site to access the forms that must be completed and submitted to us prior to their client’s visit. Fees for services are also posted on the web site. Appointments can be made by calling 352-273-8585. Our fax number is 352-294-9877. Please feel free to e-mail us at GVI@ufl.edu if you have questions about the service or need more information.

Image-Guided Interventional Service

The Image-Guided Interventional Service at the UF Small Animal Hospital is a multidisciplinary team that utilizes the knowledge and skills of specialists in diagnostic imaging, surgery, internal medicine, cardiology, oncology, and critical care to offer minimally invasive treatments guided by the use of ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and endoscopy. Image-guided interventions, also known as interventional radiology, have far-reaching applications across numerous species, organ systems, and diseases. Advantages of these therapies include reduced complications, shorter hospital stays, and the ability to treat conditions for which no treatment exists or in which conventional treatments involve risks that are unacceptable to the client or patient. For an appointment or more information, call 352-392-2235.
Ms. Lynn Varner, our Referral Liaison, is available for consultation calls. Veterinarians seeking assistance with their patients seen at the UF SAH may call 866-247-7950 (this number should not be given out to clients) or, if calling from Alachua County, please call our main number at 352-392-2235 and choose option #2. Our Call Center is available to help you schedule referral appointments and obtain medical records Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If your clients call for an appointment it will help if you can advise them as to which service they should see. Emergencies will be seen the same day and appointments may be arranged for most routine cases within a week. Some routine orthopedic and ophthalmology appointments may take longer to schedule. It is preferable that you fax any written case summaries and supportive diagnostic information ahead of the patient’s appointment time. Items can be faxed to 352-846-2445. Alternatively, you may send a legible copy of records along with the client. Radiographs will be returned to you upon completion of the animal’s treatment.

Rachel DiSesa is our Coordinator of Clinical Services. She maintains and expands the hospital’s caseload for teaching purposes by improving relationships with our referring veterinarians and clients. She can be reached at rdisesa@ufl.edu or 352-317-5944.

Our Referral Protocol also calls for the following:

1. The receiving clinician calls the referring veterinarian within 24 hours and if possible, on the day the patient is seen to report on findings and any diagnostic or treatment plan.
2. The clinician will also call the referring veterinarian if there is any major change in the patient’s status during hospitalization or if the patient is transferred to another service.
3. A copy of the discharge instructions are faxed to the referring veterinarian the same day or early the next day.
4. Each service will also follow up with you via phone, fax or e-mail after discharge to report any late arriving laboratory or other diagnostic results.
5. Students are expected to call the client daily to report on patient progress.

Patient evaluations and diagnostic procedures are often concluded here after regular business hours. To help us reach you, we ask you to also provide us with an after hours telephone number. An e-mail address is also requested.
Anesthesia & Pain Management

Services offered: Anesthesia and pain management.

Dr. Fernando Garcia-Pereira  Service Chief
DVM, Sao Paulo State University, Brazil, 2001. Master of Veterinary Sciences, Washington State University, 2005. Completed an anesthesia internship at the University of Sao Paulo in 2002, and a rotating internship in 2006 and residency in 2005 at Washington State University. He is a Diplomate of the ACVAA. Special interests include pain pathophysiology, ultrasound and electric-guided regional blocks, epidural and subarachnoid anesthesia, and neurostimulation.

Dr. Tiffany Granone
DVM, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, 2007. MS, Veterinary Medicine (Anesthesiology), University of Minnesota, 2011. Completed an internship in large animal surgery and medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College in 2008 and went on to complete a residency in comparative anesthesiology. She is a Diplomate of the ACVAA. Special interests include anesthesia of the critically ill patient.

Dr. Luisito S. Pablo
DVM, University of the Philippines, 1978. Master of Science, Auburn University, 1982. Completed a residency in anesthesia in 1989 at Auburn University. He completed a non-conforming anesthesia residency from the University of Florida in 1992. He is a Diplomate of the ACVAA. Special interests include large and small animal anesthesia.

Dr. Andre Shih
DVM, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1999. Completed his residency in anesthesiology at the University of Florida in 2006. He is also certified by the Chi Institute in small animal veterinary acupuncture. He is a Diplomate of the ACVAA. Special interests include neuropathic pain and hemodynamic changes in healthy and critically ill patients.

Behavior

Services offered: Diagnosis and management of behavior problems commonly seen in small animals, large animals, and exotics.

Dr. Terry Curtis  Service Chief
DVM, University of Florida, 1997. Master of Science, University of Georgia, 2003. Completed behavior residency at the University of Georgia in 2003. Three years of feline-only practice. She is a Diplomate of the ACVB. Special interests include feline social behavior, human-directed aggression, and feline elimination issues as well as canine anxiety issues and aggression.
Cardiology

Services offered: We specialize in both medical and interventional (cardiac catheterization) cutting edge cardiac care for pets afflicted with heart disease. Services offered include: complete cardiovascular physical examination, non-invasive blood pressure measurement, echocardiography, electrocardiography, 24-hour Holter monitoring (in-house and mail-out), event monitoring, diagnostic cardiac catheterization, pacemaker implantation, balloon valvuloplasty, embolization of patent ductus arteriosus, heartworm extraction, vascular interventions (i.e. intrahepatic shunt embolization, arterial chemoembolization).

Dr. Amara Estrada Service Chief
DVM, University of Florida, 1998. Completed a rotating internship at the University of Tennessee, 1999. Completed a residency in cardiology at Cornell University in 2002. She is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Cardiology). Special interests include pacing therapy, interventional cardiology, and electrophysiology.

Dr. Simon Swift
DVM, Cambridge University, 1983. He is a Diplomate of the ECVIM (Cardiology). Special interests include degenerative mitral valve disease, cardiac interventional procedures, and management of arrhythmias.

Dermatology

Services offered: Diagnosis and management of all skin diseases, allergy testing, and immunotherapy.

Dr. Dunbar Gram Service Chief
DVM, Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. Completed an internship at the University of Illinois and residency in dermatology at North Carolina State. He is a Diplomate of the ACVD and MRCVS. Special interests include flea control, allergic dermatitis, methacillin resistant staph, chronic management of incurable diseases.

Dr. Rosanna Marsella
DVM, Universita' degli Studi di Milano, Italy, 1991. Completed a residency in dermatology at the University of Florida, 1996. She is a Diplomate of the ACVD. Special interests include allergies, immunology, pathogenesis of atopic dermatitis, alternative treatments for atopic dermatitis. Dr. Marsella holds joint appointment in the UF College of Medicine.

Dr. Domenico Santoro
Diagnostic Imaging

Services offered: Radiology, digital radiology, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, scintigraphy, radioactive iodine therapy, CT, MRI, referral diagnostic image studies, PennHip, and OFA.

Dr. Matthew Winter  Service Chief
DVM, Cornell University, 1998. Completed a residency in Diagnostic Imaging at Tufts University in 2004. He is a diplomate of the ACVR. Special interests include computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging with a focus on musculoskeletal imaging.

Dr. Clifford (Kip) Berry
DVM, University of Florida, 1984. Completed a residency in radiology at the University of California-Davis, 1990. He is a Diplomate of the ACVR. Special interests include thoracic radiology, abdominal ultrasound, cross sectional imaging, and the application of novel imaging modalities to animal models of human disease.

Dr. Erin Porter
DVM, University of Florida, 2007. Completed an Equine Lameness & Imaging internship at UF in 2009 and a residency in radiology at UF in 2013. She is a Diplomate of the ACVR. Special interests include equine orthopedic imaging.

Dr. Natasha Werpy
DVM, Colorado State University, 1999. Completed an internship at San Luis Rey Equine Hospital in 2000. She also completed an imaging internship with Dr. Norman Rantanen in 2001 and a residency at Colorado State University in 2004. She is a Diplomate of the ACVR. Special interests include equine diagnostic imaging, musculoskeletal imaging, specifically MRI, and ultrasonography.
Integrative Medicine & Nutrition

Services offered: Canine and feline acupuncture, therapeutic laser, neuromuscular electrical stimulation, underwater treadmill therapy, therapeutic ultrasound, custom rehabilitation protocols, shockwave, stem cell therapy, clinical nutrition, home-cooked diet formulation, obesity programs, multimodal enhancement of the quality of life of geriatric patients, and pain management protocols. Typical conditions treated in combination with conventional therapies include but are not limited to orthopedic disease, neurologic disorders, cancer, obesity, muscle injuries, and performance enhancement for the canine athlete.

Dr. Richard Hill Service Chief

Dr. Justin Shmalberg
DVM, University of Wisconsin, 2008. Completed a residency in nutrition at the University of Florida in 2012 and an internship in acupuncture at the University of Florida in 2009. He is a Diplomate of the ACVN and is certified in veterinary acupuncture. Special interests include nutritional supplements, integrative medicine, nutritional oncology, and energy expenditure during rehabilitation.

Dr. Huisheng Xie

Dr. Jose Zilberschtein
DVM, Buenos Aires University College of Veterinary Medicine, 1991. MS, Veterinary Acupuncture, Buenos Aires University, 1995. PhD, Department of Animal Medicine and Surgical Science, University of Murcia. Certification in Veterinary Rehabilitation, Barcelona University, Spain, 1999. Special interests include veterinary rehabilitation in small, zoo, marine, and large animal species, and TCVM and rehabilitation protocols for marine mammals.
Neurology

Services offered: Diagnostic neurology, neurosurgery, and radiosurgery.

Dr. Sheila Carrera-Justiz Service Chief
DVM, University of Florida, 2005. Completed a rotating small animal internship at the Veterinary Specialty Hospital of San Diego, 2007. Completed a neurology and neurosurgery residency at Tufts University, 2010. She is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Neurology). Special interests include cerebrovascular disease, novel neurosurgical techniques, and advanced imaging techniques.

Dr. Roger Clemmons
DVM, Washington State University, 1973; PhD, Washington State University, 1979. Certified in Veterinary Acupuncture, Chi Institute, 2000. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Neurology). Special interests include clinical neurology and neurosurgery, cerebral neoplasia, neurodegenerative disease, comparative platelet physiology, and complementary and alternative veterinary medicine.

Oncology

Services offered: The Oncology Service provides you and your clients with a fully integrated approach to cancer diagnosis and treatment. Medical, surgical and radiation oncologists all work together within the service to discuss all available cancer options, regardless of diagnosis, prognosis or finances. We aim to provide your client with a personalized cancer plan following the consultation, with a goal of demystifying modern cancer therapies and offering support, comfort, and hope.

Dr. Kelvin Kow Service Chief
DVM, Louisiana State University, 2003, Master of Science, Colorado State University, 2007. Completed a residency in Oncology at Colorado State University in 2007. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Oncology). Special interests include stereotactic radiation therapy, osteosarcoma, translational research/clinical trials, and molecular therapeutics.

Dr. Nicholas Bacon

Dr. Sarah Boston
DVM, University of Saskatchewan, 1996. Completed a rotating internship at the University of Guelph, 1997. DVS and residency in small animal surgery, University of Guelph, Canada, 2003. Completed a fellowship in surgical oncology at Colorado State University in 2005. She is a Diplomate of the ACVS and an ACVS Founding Fellow of Surgical Oncology. She is president of the Veterinary Society of Surgical Oncology. Special interests include osteosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, mast cell tumors, soft tissue sarcoma, and staging of cancers.
Dr. Amandine Lejeune  
DVM, Ecole National Veterinaire de Toulouse, 2007. Completed a rotating internship at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in 2009, an internship at Ontario Veterinary College in 2010, and a medical oncology residency at UC Davis in 2013. She is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Oncology). Special interests include targeted therapy, chemotherapy, and clinical trials.

Dr. Rowan Milner  
BVSc, University of Pretoria in South Africa, 1980, MedVet, University of Pretoria, 1997. He is a Diplomate of the ECVIM (Internal Medicine and Oncology) and ACVIM (Oncology). Special interests include radiation oncology, cancer vaccines, osteosarcoma, and soft tissue sarcomas.

Dr. Carlos Souza  
Médico Veterinário, 1987. MS, University of Illinois. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM (Oncology) and the ACVS. Special interests include oral squamous cell carcinoma in cats and retinoids.

Ophthalmology

Services offered: Diagnostic ophthalmology, medical treatment of eye disease, ophthalmic surgery including corneal, cataract, glaucoma and laser surgeries, CERF/OFA examinations for inherited eye diseases.

Dr. Caryn Plummer Service Chief  
DVM, University of Florida, 2002. Completed an internship, Michigan State University, 2003 and a residency in ophthalmology, University of Florida, 2006. She is a Diplomate of the ACVO. Special interests include canine glaucoma, ocular pharmacology, surgery, ocular disease as a manifestation of systemic disease, equine and feline ophthalmology.

Dr. Dennis Brooks  

Dr. David Whitley  
DVM, Auburn University, 1977. MS, Auburn University, 1981. Completed an internship, University of Missouri, 1978 and residency training at the University of Florida. He is a diplomate of the ACVO. Dr. Whitley has previously served on the faculty at the University of Florida, Auburn University and Iowa State University. Special interests include corneal disease, glaucoma, intraocular surgery, ocular pathology, equine ophthalmology, and ophthalmic drug delivery systems.
Primary Care & Dentistry

Services offered: Comprehensive wellness care to outpatients. Preventive, endodontic, and restorative dentistry.

**Dr. Amy Stone**  
Service Chief  

**Dr. Wendy Mandese**  

**Dr. Julia Wuerz**  
DVM, University of Florida, 2002. Special interest in dentistry and medical diagnostics.

Small Animal Emergency & Critical Care

Services offered: Emergency management of all medical and surgical conditions, intensive care of critically ill patients including hemodialysis, mechanical ventilation, advanced hemodynamic monitoring, fluid therapy, and blood transfusion.

**Dr. Carsten Bandt**  
Service Chief  
DVM, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 1997. Internship, 1999. Completed a residency in small animal internal medicine at Ludwigs Maximilians University, Munich, Germany, 2001, a medicine residency at the University of Georgia, 2002, a residency in emergency and critical care, Tufts University, 2006, and a fellowship in hemodialysis and nephrology at University of California-Davis, 2007. He is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include hemodialysis and nephrology.

**Dr. Ashley Allen**  
DVM, Mississippi State University, 2010. Resident, Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care, Auburn University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, 2013. Resident, Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care, UF College of Veterinary Medicine, 2014. Special interests snake envenomation and veterinary trauma patients.
Dr. Gareth Buckley
VetMB 2005, MA 2006 University of Cambridge, UK. Rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery, Royal Veterinary College, University of London, 2006. Completed an internship and residency in emergency and critical care at Tufts University, 2007-2010. He is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include cardio pulmonary resuscitation and protocol driven medicine.

Dr. Bobbi Conner
DVM, Michigan State University, 2007. Completed a small animal rotating internship at the University of Illinois in 2008 and a residency in emergency and critical care at North Carolina State University in 2011. She is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include coagulopathies, thrombosis, and antithrombotic therapies.

Dr. Christine Iacovetta
BVSc, Royal Veterinary College, 2008. Completed a small animal rotating internship at Mississippi State University in 2009 and a residency in emergency and critical care at the Animal Emergency Center in 2012. She is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include toxicology and trauma.

Dr. Travis Lanaux
DVM, Louisiana State University, 2006. Completed a small animal rotating internship and a residency in emergency and critical care at Tufts University, 2007-2010. He is a Diplomate of the ACVECC. Special interests include bedside diagnostic testing and colloid fluid therapy.

Dr. Michael Schaer
DVM, University of Illinois, 1970. Internship and residency in medicine at the Animal Medical Center, New York City, 1973. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM and the ACVECC. Special interests include endocrinology, fluid and electrolyte disorders, snake bite and other environmental emergencies.
Small Animal Internal Medicine

Services offered: Diagnosis and treatment of all medical conditions, critical care, endoscopic diagnosis and therapy (rhinoscopy, bronchoscopy, cystoscopy, upper and lower GI endoscopy), hemodialysis, laser lithotripsy, and nutrition.

Dr. Richard Hill  Service Chief

Dr. Kirsten Cooke
DVM, Tufts University, 1993. Completed an internship in small animal internal medicine and surgery at Michigan Veterinary Specialists, 1994 and a residency at the University of Florida, 1998. She is a Diplomate of the ACVIM. Special interests include critical care medicine and internal medicine.

Dr. Alex Gallagher
DVM, University of Florida, 2001. Completed a residency in small animal internal medicine at VA MD Regional CVM, 2008. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM. Special interests include endocrinology and interventional endoscopy.

Dr. Andrew Specht
DVM, University of Minnesota, 2000. Completed an internship at Tufts University, 2001 and a small animal internal medicine residency at Michigan State University in 2004. He is a Diplomate of the ACVIM. Special interests include urology, nephrology, hematology, and image-guided therapies.
Small Animal Surgery

Services offered: Soft tissue and orthopedic surgery, laparoscopy and arthroscopy (minimally invasive surgery), TPLO and TTA surgery, and renal transplantation.

Dr. Gary Ellison  Service Chief
DVM, University of Illinois, 1975. Completed a residency and Master of Science in small animal surgery at Colorado State University, 1981. He is a Diplomate of the ACVS. Special interests include gastrointestinal surgery, laser surgery, perianal fistulas, minimally invasive surgery, and feline renal transplantation.

Dr. J. Brad Case
DVM, University of California, Davis, 2006. MS in Clinical Science, Colorado State University, 2011. Completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Texas A&M University in 2007. Completed an internship at Flatiron Veterinary Specialists in Longmont, Colorado in 2008 and a residency in small animal surgery at Colorado State University in 2011. He is a Diplomate of the ACVS. Special interests include urinary tract, cardio-thoracic, upper airway, and minimally invasive surgery, as well as image-guided interventional procedures (e.g. Intrahepatic PortoSystemic Shunts).

Dr. Matthew Johnson

Dr. Stanley E. Kim

Dr. Dan Lewis
DVM, University of California-Davis, 1983. Completed an internship at Louisiana State University, 1984, and a residency in small animal surgery at the University of Florida, 1987. He is a Diplomate of the ACVS. Special interests include orthopedics with an emphasis on fracture repair, correction of limb deformities and both hybrid and circular external skeletal fixation.
Zoological Medicine

Services offered: Diagnosis and treatment of all creatures great and small, including birds, reptiles, mammals, and fish.

Dr. Darryl Heard  Service Chief
BVMS, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia, 1981. PhD, University of Florida, 1994. Completed a residency in veterinary anesthesia, 1985, and another residency in zoological medicine, 1987, both at the University of Florida. He is a Diplomate of the ACZM. Special interests include the restraint and anesthesia of non-domestic species.

Dr. Ramiro Isaza

Dr. James Wellehan
DVM, University of Minnesota, 2001. PhD from University of Florida in 2010. Master of Science in Molecular Veterinary Biosciences, University of Minnesota, 2001. Completed an internship at Ontario Veterinary College, 2002, and a residency in zoological medicine at the University of Florida, 2005. He is a Diplomate of the ACZM and ACVM. Special interests include comparative infectious disease diagnostics, host-pathogen coevolution, and reptile medicine and surgery.
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Acting Service Chief - Dr. Jeff Abbott
Lab Manager - Shanette Nixon

**Clinical Microbiology, Parasitology & Serology**
Service Chief - Dr. Jim Wellehan
Lab Manager - Rebecca Richardson

**Anatomic Pathology (Necropsy & Surgical Pathology)**
Service Chief - Dr. Jeff Abbott
Lab Manager - Micaela Barter
Anatomic Pathology

Services offered: The anatomic pathology service provides diagnostic services to large and small animals in the areas of necropsy and surgical pathology.

Dr. Jeff Abbott
Service Chief
DVM, Washington State University, 1997. PhD, Veterinary Immunology, Washington State University, 2004. He is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests and ongoing projects include the study of the mechanisms of host immunity as it relates to persistence of diseases, vaccine production, nutrition, and pathology.

Dr. William Castleman
DVM, University of California, Davis, 1971. PhD, Comparative Pathology, University of California, Davis, 1979. He is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests are experimental pathology, focus on pathogenesis of viral respiratory disease with recent emphasis on canine influenza virus infection.

Dr. Julia Conway
DVM, University of Florida, 2006. BS, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2003. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests are in dermatopathology, diagnostic pathology, tumor pathology and ophthalmic pathology.

Dr. Michael Dark
DVM, Michigan State University, 2001. PhD, Veterinary Microbiology & Pathology, Washington State University, 2008. He is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests are veterinary pathology.

Dr. Lisa Farina

Dr. Pamela Ginn
DVM, Colorado State University, 1983. BS, Veterinary Science, Colorado State University, 1980. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include diagnostic pathology, dermatopathology, tumor histopathology, and comparative dermatology and oncology.
Clinical Pathology

Services offered: The UF Diagnostic Laboratories work closely with our large and small animal medicine, surgery, dermatology, ophthalmology, and reproduction services. The clinical pathology service performs hematology, chemistry, endocrinology, urinalysis, fluid analysis, and cytology tests for large and small animals.

Dr. Jennifer Owen  Service Chief
DVM, University of Florida, 2012. PhD, Immunology, University of Miami School of Medicine, 2003. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include cancer immunology, mucosal immunity.

Dr. Nicole Stacy
DVM, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, Germany, 2001. Small Animal Referral Practice Piding Internship, Germany, 2002. Veterinary Clinical Pathology Residency, UF College of Veterinary Medicine, 2006. She is a Diplomate of the ACVP. Special interests include clinical pathology of exotic species, especially aquatic species and reptiles, environmental toxicology and wildlife conservation.
Residents/Interns

Anatomic Pathology

Dr. Ember Epperson  Dr. Heather Grodi  Dr. Greg Krane  Dr. Kyle Taylor  Dr. Whitney Zoll

Anesthesia & Pain Management

Dr. Bonnie Gatson  Dr. Sharon Tenenbaum  Dr. Luis Bolfer  Dr. Ashley Jones  Dr. Ivan Sosa Samper

Cardiology

Clinical Pathology

Dr. Justin Beitbach  Dr. Laura Black  Dr. Amy Weeden

Dermatology

Dr. Jennifer Bentley

Diagnostic Imaging

Dr. Robson Giglio  Dr. (Mary) Lenice McCoy  Dr. Fritha Saunders
Residents & Interns Continued...

Rotating Interns

Dr. Samantha Compos

Dr. Thomas Keeshen

Dr. Jennifer Rudnick

Dr. Ashley Smith

Shelter Medicine

Dr. Amanda Burling

Dr. Staci Cannon

Surgery

Dr. Katie Barry

Dr. Stephen Jones

Dr. Melissa Maciver

Dr. Selena Tinga

Dr. Mandy Wallace

Zoological Medicine

Dr. Marjorie Bercier

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Dr. Alexandra Goe
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The Pet Memorial Program at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine provides a way of communicating to your client or friend that you know they are grieving, and that you care about this significant loss in their lives. Many people are touched that their veterinarian or friend took the time to let them know how much they sympathize by remembering their pet in this special way. It helps them start the healing process and gives veterinarians and friends a warm feeling of satisfaction that they helped someone during this difficult time. A gift in memory of your client’s or friend’s pet will say you care in a way that benefits all animals by supporting one of several programs at the College.

When a client’s or friend’s pet dies, simply send your donation with the owner’s name and address and the name of the pet to the College. We mail a personalized sympathy card to the client letting them know you have remembered their pet with a contribution. The donation amount is not included. Visit our website at vetmed.ufl.edu and click on Pet Memorial.

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Shelter Medicine at the University of Florida

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1. Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program
2. Veterinary Community Outreach

Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program at UF

Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program provides consultation and direct assistance to animal shelter veterinary practitioners and operations managers. Services offered: Response assistance for potential disease outbreaks, shelter health assessments, and general consultation on shelter animal health issues. Areas of consultation include infectious disease, cleaning and disinfection, enrichment/behavior, and population management. Consultations can be arranged by calling 352-273-8660 or visiting sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu. Maddie’s Shelter Medicine Program also offers an online Graduate Certificate in Shelter Medicine to veterinarians worldwide.

Cynda Crawford, DVM, PhD
Maddie’s Clinical Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine
Director, Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida
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Dr. Crawford earned her PhD degree in Infectious Diseases and Immunology in 1984 and the DVM degree in 1989, both from the University of Florida. After 10 years as a small animal practitioner in Tallahassee, she returned to the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine as a postdoctoral associate in FIV immunopathology and joined the faculty in 2001. She has been with the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program since 2008. Her expertise includes the diagnosis, management, and prevention of canine infectious diseases, particularly in high density/high turnover facilities such as shelters and boarding kennels.

Julie K. Levy, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVIM
Maddie’s Professor of Shelter Medicine
Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida
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Dr. Levy received her DVM from the University of California at Davis in 1989 and her PhD in immunology from North Carolina State University in 1996. Dr. Levy’s clinical interests center on feline infectious diseases, neonatal kitten health, humane alternatives for cat population control, and immunocontraceptive vaccines for cats. She is the founder of Operation Catnip, a community cat trap-neuter-return program that has sterilized more than 40,000 cats since 1998.

Terry Spencer, DVM, MEd
Maddie’s Clinical Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine
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Dr. Spencer received her DVM from Colorado State University in 1995. She practiced small animal medicine as both an associate and a practice owner in Salinas, CA. During this time, she developed an interest in shelter medicine by contracting to provide veterinary care for Monterey County Animal Services. In 2004, she returned to Florida to work exclusively in shelter medicine both in open-admission and adoption-guarantee facilities. Dr. Spencer is particularly interested in designing effective instructional materials for teaching the knowledge and skills required for success in the emerging field of Shelter Medicine.
Veterinary Community Outreach Program

The Veterinary Community Outreach Program provides an opportunity for veterinary students to develop their basic surgical skills through service learning and community outreach. The program also administers HAARTS, Helping Alachua’s Animals Requiring Treatment and Surgery, a donation-based service that works with shelters in order to enhance the surgical training of UF veterinary students beyond spay and neuter while saving animals at risk for euthanasia in local shelters. Finally, the program focuses on developing a veterinary workforce sensitive to the animal welfare needs of the community through regular outreach to local animal shelters and participation in the weekly St. Francis House Pet Care Clinic.

Natalie Isaza, DVM
Merial Clinical Associate Professor of Shelter Medicine
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Dr. Isaza received her DVM from the University of Florida in 1994 and completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at Cornell University in 1995. She is the founding faculty member of the Merial Shelter Clerkship, started at UF in 2003. Following completion of her internship, Dr. Isaza worked in private small animal practice in California for four years. Prior to her current position at UF, she was on the faculty of Kansas State University’s veterinary college, where she was a community practice clinician, and also supervised veterinary students in dental procedures and spay/neuter surgeries. Her interests include pediatric spay and neuter, developing shelter wellness programs for shelters, and working with homeless and low-income members of our community to help them keep their pets healthy.

Brian DiGangi, DVM, MS, DABVP (Canine/Feline)
Clinical Assistant Professor of Shelter Medicine
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Dr. DiGangi received his DVM from the University of Florida in 2006, completed an internship at Long Island Veterinary Specialists in 2007, and was the first veterinarian to complete a residency in shelter medicine at UF in 2010. Shortly thereafter, Dr. DiGangi became a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in Canine and Feline Practice and received a MS degree from UF in veterinary medical sciences. His clinical interests include cleaning and disinfection; high quality, high volume spay-neuter techniques; and enhancing the welfare of animals in shelters.

Kelly Harrison, DVM
Clinical Instructor of Shelter Medicine
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Dr. Harrison received her DVM from the University of Florida in 2012. Prior to veterinary school, she received her MS is Veterinary Sciences, also at UF. Following graduation, Dr. Harrison completed a one year internship in shelter medicine at the University of Florida. Her professional interests include improving the overall standards of care and well-being of shelter animals; high quality, high volume spay-neuter, and behavioral health strategies for animals living within a shelter environment.